



May 23, 2007

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## RE: EB Docket No. 04-296 (Review of Emergency Alert System)

On May 22, 2007, Joan Marsh and the undersigned, both of AT&T, Inc. (AT&T) conducted a telephone call with Michelle Carey, Media Advisor to Chairman Martin regarding this proceeding. Consistent with its comments and ex partes filed in this proceeding, AT&T explained its support of the Commission's efforts to update its Emergency Alert System (EAS) rules and requirements in light of new digital communications technologies. AT&T noted that it was investing in Project Lightspeed and would be deploying an IP video service. While the Commission's rules do not require wireline video service providers other than cable operators to participate in the EAS, AT&T indicated that it would participate in the EAS because of the critical role the EAS plays in providing public safety information. Because IP video is still a nascent technology, AT&T noted that it is working with its vendors to provide EAS messages in an IP format.

AT&T explained that work is progressing on the development of an EAS solution for its IP video service which is marketed as "AT&T U-verse<sup>sm</sup>." If delivery and testing of the requisite hardware and EAS message routing system requirements proceed as scheduled, AT&T anticipates having an EAS capability available by the end of 2007. AT&T currently expects that all its Video Hub Offices will have the requisite EAS capability installed no later than June 30, 2008.

If the Commission determines to require non-cable operator IP video service providers to participate in the EAS, AT&T requests that the Commission establish no deadlines earlier than June 30, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-457-3006.

Sincerely,

CC: Michelle Carey